

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 7 and 8 are amended for form. No new matter is added.

Applicants appreciate the Office Action's indication that claims 1-6 and 8 are allowed. Further, Applicants respectfully assert that the application is in condition for allowance in view of the above amendments.

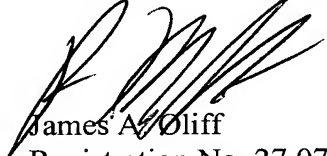
An Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 was filed in the above-captioned patent application on February 6, 2008. Applicants have not yet received from the Examiner a copy of the Form PTO-1449 initialed to acknowledge the fact that the Examiner has considered the disclosed information. The Examiner is requested to initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the Form PTO-1449. For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of that form is attached.

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claim 7 is amended responsive to the rejection. Applicants thus respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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